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SUBJECT: PUBLICITY ON DIEGO GARCIA AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 020351

1. EMBASSY OFFICER JANUARY 28 DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL WITH CORMACK OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. CORMACK SAID HE HAD ALREADY PICKED UP DRIFT OF DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ON PUBLICITY FROM UK EMBASSY AND THAT FCO HAD INSTRUCTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON TO RAISE THE SUBJECT

2. HMG PREFERS THAT NO ANNOUNCEMENT ACCOMPANY THE SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT OR THE SUBMISSION OF THE AGREEMENT TO OUR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE BODIES. CORMACK ARGUED THAT INASMUCH AS THE AGREEMENT MERELY FORMALIZES WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PUBLICLY DISCLOSED, IT SHOULD BE HANDLED AS ROUTINE, AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY STEPS TO GENERATE PUBLICITY, CORMACK ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HMG WOULD BE UNABLE TO PRINT AND REPRODUCE THE AGREEMENT IN TIME TO DISTRIBUTE IT ON THE DAY OF SIGNATURE.

3. CORMACK REEMPHASIZED FCO DESIRE THAT AGREEMENT BE
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SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AND PARLIAMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY. FCO WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SO WITHIN SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS

AFTER SIGNATURE AND THEREBY MEET THE DEADLINE OF THE CASE
ACT. IT IS BELIEVED HERE THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCERT-
ED SUBMISSIONS OVERTAKES THE POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGE OF AP-
PEARING TO DRAG OUR FEET IN SENDING THE DOCUMENT TO CON-
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